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David Martin, of Philadelphia, is not

adverse to being a United States Senator. It

is said that he is casting longing eyes upon the

seat occupied by Hon. Boies Penrose.

Governor Hastings has not yet accepted

the resignation of Banking Commissioner

Gilkerson. Owing to the brief period remain-

ing of the term it is not believed that he will

take action on it.

Senator How, who voted for the

repeal of the tariff, denies the constitutional

right of the United States to annex the

Philippines. The force of his argument is

broken by his vote.

Hon. Harry J. Shoemaker, of Doylestown,

while in Harrisburg attending the organiza-

tion of the Legislature, announced his in-

tention of being a candidate for Congress to

succeed Hon. Irving P. Wanger.

A new octopus has made its appearance

which is calculated to strangle competition.

The Elkins-Widener-Whitney syndicate have

formed an iron trust, and will build a plant

at Annandale, S. I. The purpose is to freeze

out smaller concerns.

Former Councilman George W. Strasser,

of Bristol, is assuming a political attitude

that is both amusing and commendable. Mr.

Strasser is distinctly a man of the people

and, therefore, elsewhere in this issue you

will find an opportunity to be given for a full

expression in regard to matters which are in-

teresting Bristol people at the present time.

If Congress will pass the shipping bill that

is intended to carry into effect the recom-

mendations of President McKinley in his

last annual message to Congress—and which

bill was introduced in the Senate by Mr.

Hanna and in the House by Mr. Payne—

several hundred thousand tons of merchant

ships will be built in American shipyards

during the next five years.

Captain Frank G. Edwards is in Harris-

burg today attending a session of the Legis-

lature which is convened to count the votes.

The Bucks County delegation will also at-

tend a meeting of the signers of the anti-

Quay petition, which will be held tonight

for the purpose of perfecting the petition

to Senator Quay and also to determine a

mode of procedure when the time comes to

vote for Senator in joint session.

The Doylestown Intelligencer, imbued

with its bitter personal hatred to Senator

Quay, says that the candidate of the anti-

Quayites shall be of little importance

compared with the conditions that he shall

fulfill. If Quay can be defeated it matters

not to the Intelligencer whether Pennsylvania

is represented at the National Capital by

a man or a mouse—a yellow dog would

suffice if it can only insert its fangs in the

Senator Stewart.

In the effort to defeat Senator Quay the

Wanamaker-Gordon combiners slogan was

"No trial, no caucus." Impotent to defeat

the will of the Republican party in that in-

stance the battle cry has been changed to

"No acquittal, no election." At the risk of

dampening the ardor of those who are par-

ticularly interested in the downfall of the

Republican leader, we venture the prediction

that as a sequence to the Quay victory

on the 3d inst., Pennsylvania's senior Sena-

tor will be justly acquitted of the malicious

charges filed against him and be re-elected

to the United States Senate.

Senator Stewart, of Nevada, will not lack

for talent when the time comes to urge his

claims for re-election before the Legislature

of that desolate State. Colonel Jack Chinn,

the Kentucky lobbyist, horseman and gun-

fighter, has gone to Carson to use his per-

suasive powers upon members of the Legis-

lature. Dave Nagle, who killed Judge

Terry when the latter went to slay Justice

Stephen J. Fields' face, and who is an all-

round lad man, has also volunteered his

services in behalf of the silver Senator. The

Senatorial contest should take place in the

arena erected in Carson for the Corbett-

Fitzsimmons fight, where there will be ample

room, and thus give the specialists an oppor-

tunity to fully exhibit their well known

abilities in settling disputes. Senator Stew-

art is fortunate in receiving such notable

backing.

There is a lively fight going on in Bristol

in the scramble for the postmastership. The

announcement that "Pet" Minister would

in all probability be named by Congressman

Wanger has met with some opposition in the

Republican rank and file. The opposition

does not protest that there would be any

mal-administration of postal affairs, but

what antagonism there is seems to be en-

gendered because of the political favors Mr.

Minister has already received, it being claimed

that some other Republican who has seen

service should be rewarded. This is a true

statement of the sentiment as it exists.

Other candidates who have been seeking the

position are George W. Strasser, Councilman

Samuel Scott and B. C. Foster. There is

no doubt that the final selection will be

one who will satisfactorily administer the

affair now so ably conducted by the present

postmaster.

The Quay case will now be tried in the

Quarter Sessions Court of Philadelphia, the

Supreme Court on Tuesday refusing to grant

the writ of certiorari to remove it to another

court, as the judges of the highest court

state they believe a fair trial can now be had.

What effect this decision may have upon the

senatorial struggle is problematical. No

doubt it will only confirm more steadfastly

both sides in their purposes. Quay sup-

porters contend that the suit was only in-

stituted for political effect and the anti-Quay

faction contending that Quay upon indica-

tion cannot be elected. The case was put

plainly and forcibly by lawyer Watson, who

represented Quay before the Supreme Court

on Saturday. He showed most clearly that

no crime had been committed. This is the

most popular belief and is supported by all

Republican papers of the state except those

under the control of bargain counter in-

fluence. The first vote upon the senatorial

question will be taken next Tuesday.

## SCHOOL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS.

The time is near at hand for the selection

of various borough officers to fill the places

of those whose terms will soon expire. A

number of Councilmen and other officials are

to be chosen by the nominating conventions,

and as many as six School Directors—one

for the First Ward, two for the Second, two

for the Third and one for the Fourth.

It is important, as every one must know,

to make choice of good and suitable men for

every public office, and especially for that of

School Director. Every citizen who is inter-

ested in the welfare of the rising generation

should be friendly to our public schools, and

in order to make them as efficient as practi-

cable it is necessary for their control to be at

all times in proper hands.

It is a common saying that good teachers

make good schools, but the responsibility of

selecting teachers and administering the

affairs of the schools rests with the Directors,

and it is as essential to have good Directors

as to have good teachers.

Here in Bristol there are eighteen public

schools and thirteen teachers. We have our

borough superintendent. The number of

pupils attending the schools is 960.

There are four school buildings, containing

about twenty rooms. These buildings,

with their furniture, have an estimated

value of \$58,000. Last year the receipts for

school purposes amounted to \$16,648.83.

The State appropriation was \$6,412.40. This

year it is reduced to \$5,618.25. The total

amount disbursed in behalf of the schools

during the year was \$14,070.79. The sum

received towards the redemption of the

\$19,000 bond outstanding now amounts to

\$2,608.

These items imply responsibility and the

need of care and wisdom on the part of

those who are entrusted with the direction of

school affairs. And it must be apparent to

every thoughtful person that the duty of se-

lecting Directors ought not to be lightly

considered. It is the first and most impor-

tant step towards promoting the best interests

of the schools.

## AN INSULT.

Before the caucus Mr. Gilkeson, assisted

by Mr. Grundy, of Bristol, made a desperate

effort to secure those votes, but without suc-

cess. Messrs. Rice, Edwards, Wilkinson

and Winner were properly declined to be

used as articles of trade to bolster the totter-

ing political fortunes of any body.

The above editorial paragraph in relation

to Joseph B. Grundy, which appeared in the

Doylestown Intelligencer is entirely unwar-

ranted, untruthful and in perfect concord

with that paper's political policy. As one

who was present upon the only occasion

when Mr. Grundy spoke to the members

on the subject, the writer feels justified in

resenting the calumnious attack upon that

gentleman.

Mr. Grundy sought an open conference

and had nothing to say to the members

in regard to Senatorial or caucus matters

except in the presence of those citizens of

Bucks county who were in Harrisburg at the

time, and then told Messrs. Edwards, Wil-

kinson and Winner, that as a Republican

speaking to Republicans, he considered it a

part of the duties the members were called

upon to perform to be in attendance at the

caucuses of the party. He gave his reasons

why he thought the county should be rep-

resented in the caucus, and then left them

to act as their own consciences dictated,

with no suggestions whatever as basely at-

tributed by the Intelligencer.

Any insinuation that Mr. Grundy would

desecrate the level elevated frequently by

the Intelligencer's informant, is an insul-

tation to Mr. Grundy's friends and ac-

quaintances. No more conclusive evidence

of the injustice of the Intelligencer's strict-

ures could be offered than the fact that Con-

gressman Edwards was the first to condemn

the statement in reference to Bristol's

honored citizen and asked for instant

and emphatic denial.

A distinguished Doylestown citizen and

personal friend of the Intelligencer editor

was present when Mr. Grundy had his only

conversation with the delegation, and that

gentleman undoubtedly possesses the knowl-

edge which will confirm what has here been

stated concerning Mr. Grundy's honorable

and straightforward actions at Harrisburg.

## JOURNALISTIC.

The Sellersville Herald entered its second

volume last week. The Herald is a bright,

progressive and clean newspaper, and gives

promise of continued prosperity.

The Hatfield Inevitable is another paper

which realizes the folly of trying to publish

a good weekly newspaper for less than \$1

per year. The Inevitable's subscription

price has been raised from 75 cents to \$1

per annum.

The New Hope News last week entered

upon its eighth year. Editor Kitchin says

the News is the only newspaper ever pub-

lished in New Hope Borough that has sur-

vived the first year. The celebration of

its eighth anniversary is evidence of New

Hope's appreciation of the News.

The Harleysville News celebrated its four-

teenth birthday last week. The make-up

of the paper has been changed by transferring

the editorial and local matter to the outside

pages. Editor Haldeman was unsuccess-

ful in running for office, but he gets there in

publishing an up-to-date newspaper.

Smith D. Frye, the able Washington cor-

respondent of the Philadelphia Times, in

writing from the National Capitol on Sunday,

said: "The election of a successor to Sena-

tor Quay causes intense interest here, and

it is but a statement of fact to say that prac-

tically all of the Republican Senators desire

the return of Senator Quay, primarily be-

cause of his well-known and valuable ser-

vices to the party in national campaigns.

Socially the family of the Senator from

Pennsylvania occupies a proud posi-

tion, and the continuance of the Quay fam-

ily in Washington would meet with the ap-

proval of official society."

The political writer of the Philadelphia

Evening Star, who is as well posted as any

politician in the State, and who was much

in evidence at Harrisburg during the orga-

nization of the Legislature, has the following

to say concerning Captain F. G. Edwards:

Captain Edwards is one of the most level-

headed men in politics, but he has a pet

aversion, and that is Col. B. Frank Gilkeson.

He comes from Bristol, which is also Gilke-

son's home, and he meteorically wiped the

floor of both that town and Bucks County

with the dignity of a general. Henceforth

Bucks County affairs, and the man to consult

him will not be Gilkeson.

The Gazette acknowledged the receipt of

an invitation to attend the inauguration cer-

emonies of Col. William A. Stone at Harris-

burg, on January 17.

## SPRING ELECTION.

Although the time for naming a ticket for

the February borough election is fast ap-

proaching, there is apparently but little in-

terest taken in the matter. The senatorial

contest and the appointment of a postmaster

for Bristol are the topics of conversation

among those who take an interest in affairs

political, almost to the exclusion of the local

elections.

At the coming election it will be the duty

of the voters to elect members to the school

board and council. The terms of six school

directors expire this year. The outgoing

members are: First ward, William Boer;

Second ward, John K. Willard and Edward

V. V. Vanant; Third ward, Abram Eitinger and

V. V. Vanant; Fourth ward, Patrick J.







